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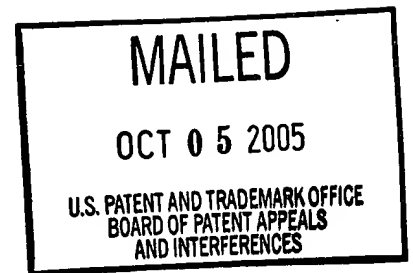
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte ALI RIHAN
and EMERSON KEITH COLYER

Application No. 09/965,423

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL



This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 6, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

Appellant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on March 3, 2003. It is not clear from the record whether or not this IDS has been considered and the Form 1449 needs to be signed. The examiner needs to consider the Information Disclosure Statement and acknowledge such consideration.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for:

- 1) consideration and proper written response to the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 3, 2003;
- 2) the examiner's signature on the 1449 is required; and
- 3) for any further action as deemed appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e. abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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